

as a Colonel, and therefore entitled  
as such to compensation. Private  
Rank was not known to our Service  
and no officer as such could draw  
pay - but for his actual command.

How far a separate command would  
be regarded is a matter referred to the  
Auditor, to determine whether it was a  
detached corps, or separate command.

It is for the Auditor to determine  
the legality of the vouchers, as it is  
fairly within his competency to decide  
upon the Law of this case.

I have the honor

to be your obedient servant  
S. M. H. P.